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1. JAPANESE EMBASSY POLITICAL COUNSELOR (KURIYAMA) MET WITH LEGAL ADVISOR LEIGH AFTERNOON JULY 20 TO DELIVER COPY OF JUSTICE MINISTER INABA'S LETTER FOR TRANSMITTAL TO ATTORNEY GENERAL. (ORIGINAL LETTER WILL FOLLOW BY POUCH.) LETTER ASKS ATTORNEY GENERAL TO CONSIDER GRANTING OF IMMUNITY TO CLUTTER AND ELLIOT SO THAT THEIR TESTIMONY CAN BE TAKEN FOR USE IN JAPAN. KURIYAMA EXPLAINED BACKGROUND OF REQUEST IN SAME TERMS AS DID VICE MINISTER SATO TO AMBASSADOR (REFTEL). LEGAL ADVISOR NOTED THAT QUESTION OF GRANTING IMMUNITY WOULD HAVE TO BE DECIDED BY ATTORNEY GENERAL, BUT PROMISED TO HAVE LETTER DELIVERED IMMEDIATELY WITH COVERING LETTER NOTING PRIME MINISTER'S PERSONAL INTEREST AND STRESSING THAT REQUEST MUST BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL. KISSINGER

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